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## **DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Stitch Bonded Fabric and Fluid-Retaining Fabric Made Therewith

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